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Students, residents connect with their roots at flag ceremony



## Kirk Schulz discusses enrollment, finances in annual address

Darrington Clark  
managing editor

Our university's leader says that K-State is getting bigger and better. Students, faculty and administration gathered in the Alumni Center Ballroom Friday at 3:30 p.m. to hear this message from President Kirk Schulz at the 2012 State of the University address and open forum.

The State of the University address provided a snapshot of K-State's current standings in finances, enrollment and progress toward K-State 2025, President Schulz's plan for K-State to become a top-50 public research university by the year 2025.

The main theme of the address was

the university's increases in certain areas, including enrollment and financial support.

"We have record breaking enrollment statistics," Schulz said. "In addition, this freshman class is the largest and most diverse freshman class in K-State's history."

The number of Caucasian, African-American, Asian and multiracial students have all increased this past year. K-State-Salina and the newest institution, K-State-Olathe, have also seen a rise in student enrollment. Growth was also apparent in finance.

"We are experiencing new records in fundraising, athletic support and alumni support," Schulz said.

Alumni participation was especially

substantial. Alumni financial support has grown from \$67,373 total to \$91,975 total in this fiscal year, according to Schulz.

"This is simply an amazing statistic," Schulz said.

Schulz also highlighted increases in research funding. Students in attendance were pleased to see the university doing well.

"I think things look good," said Nate Spriggs, senior in agricultural economics and student body president. "It's exciting to see research grants on the rise and the reputation of the school going up."

The statistics presented by Schulz were not just available for audience members. A live-tweet station was set

up by Schulz's podium, and tweets of his speech were posted on a big screen as he presented them with the hashtag #KStateSOU. The tweets were posted to @KState's nearly 9,000 followers.

The Faculty Senate hosted the State of the University address, as it does every year. The Faculty Senate is the administration government that creates and enforces policies for academics, information technology, faculty issues and university planning. Jim Bloodgood, Faculty Senate president, said that the address was beneficial for both administration and students.

"It's really designed to get information to flow back and forth," Bloodgood

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## Night rides encourage strong cyclist community

Jakki Thompson  
staff writer

Every weekend, Big Poppi Bicycle Co. offers a night ride for cyclists who enjoy biking in non-traditional environments and look for challenges when riding. The Friday Night Lights Ride offers cyclists the opportunity to ride down river trails, through woods and in the city.

"I don't have a lot of friends who ride on a serious level," said Dustin Gallagher, Manhattan resident and temporary ride leader. "These rides offer a lot of benefits. During the summer, it can be really hot during the day, but with the night rides starting around 8 p.m., there can be significant temperature differences."

Gallagher also said that having night rides on the weekend eliminates issues with being tired the next day. He said most people are able to relax their bodies and re-

**"One of the things we wanted to achieve when we first opened the shop was to create a culture of cyclists within the community. Night rides, or any type of community rides, are a great way to meet other cyclists."**

Jeff Koenig,  
co-owner of Big Poppi Bicycle Co.

cuperate from the previous night's ride.

"We have been open for three and a half years now, and have been doing these rides since we opened," said Jeff Koenig, co-owner of Big Poppi. "One of the things we wanted to achieve when we first opened the shop was to create a culture of cyclists within the community. Night rides, or any type of community rides, are a great way to meet other cyclists."

One feature of the night rides is what the riders call "no drop rides," which ensures that no riders are left behind. The group always goes as fast as the slowest rider, allowing that rider to become a better, stronger cyclist. And it isn't just one person doing the teaching; it's the entire group of cyclists.

"These rides make you a better rider and improve your skills," said Jason Wood, lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force and Manhattan resident. "The amount of work one puts into these rides aren't really a factor. There is always the reliability of these rides to make sure one gets their workout in."

The rides are about 1 1/2 miles to the site, followed by 6 to 9 miles at the actual site, and ending with the 1 1/2 mile ride back. Thus, trips are typically 9 to 12 miles total.

What makes these rides so unique, in addition to the "no drop ride" concept, is the equipment cyclists use on the rides. All bikes, handlebars and helmets are equipped with ultra-bright LED lights. They usually last between three and four hours, and they light up the entire landscape around the cyclists.

"This adds a lot more flow to the rides," Gallagher said. "You are able to look at your environment and surroundings rather than having to make quick, hasty adjustments from having to look at your wheel."

Since the night rides are later in the day, people who work later, like Wood, are still able to make the rides. With the group of cyclists ranging from an average of four or five all the way up to 10 participants, the group is always changing, growing and creating a stronger community of cyclists.

"There is a certain exhilaration of the sport that you didn't know was possible until you have gone on rides like this," Koenig said.

## Live from Manhattan, it's Seth Meyers

Mike Stanton  
assistant news editor

Seth Meyers, head writer for Saturday Night Live and host of the show's parody newscast, The Weekend Update, performed Saturday night in Bramlage Coliseum. K-State's Union Program Council, who began planning for the event in March, booked Meyers when Andy Samberg, fellow SNL cast member, backed out of his scheduled performance after accepting a movie deal.

"One of the things I will always be thankful for is that he bailed on you so I could come entertain you tonight," joked Meyers, taking out his phone and leading the audience in recording a message for the Lonely Island frontman: "F--- you Andy Samberg, love Kansas State."

Ross Jensby, entertainment co-chair for the UPC and junior in political science, said that he and co-chair Laura Oxler had their marketing strategy ready to go when Samberg cancelled, and were able to book Meyers a short time later.

"It was great to be able to get Seth, because he's arguably

a bigger name than Samberg," Jensby said, noting that he was happy with the student turnout for the performance. "We're concerned with getting those large-name entertainers for the students, so it was good to see a lot of students there."

Meyers took the stage shortly after 8 p.m. to a thunderous round of cheers and applause. He opened up by congratulating the audience on K-State's undefeated start to the football season.

"I was thinking, they better not have a football game, or there will only be, like, four people at my show," he said.

Meyers' stand-up covered a broad range of topics, from living in Europe to sports to politics. A crowd favorite was his recollection of his experiences hosting the White House Correspondents' Dinner in 2011.

"One of the best parts of the night was when about a hundred of us lined up in a room and waited for a chance to meet the president and say a few words," Meyers said, stating that he regretted how he had handled himself the first time he met then-Senator Obama, who had appeared on an SNL episode.

"So this time, I was waiting in line, trying to be cool, 'cause you want to be cool when you meet the president," he said. "Well, we finally got up there, and President Obama was being a gentleman, and went to shake my girlfriend's hand first. But I shot my hand through the gap, and knocked my girlfriend's hand out of Obama's."

"If my girlfriend had a gun, I would be the best Secret Service agent ever," he added. "But she didn't have a gun. And President Obama — he's always smooth — he said, 'I was going to shake her hand first.'"

Meyers then explained how he had reached into his brain for the perfect combination of words to turn the situation on its head "and make [him] the victor."

"And the only thing my brain can come up with is Ahahaha, yeah, I know, and then I ran off," he said.

At the dinner, Meyers also took several shots at Donald Trump, who he said will likely never forgive him.

"I said that I had heard Trump was running as a Republican, which was pretty funny, because I had just assumed he was running as a joke," Meyers said. "I also said that I had seen Trump appear on Fox News, which was ironic, because a fox often appears on Trump's head. And then, the kill shot, I said that Trump said he was a friend of the blacks, but unless the Blacks were a family of white people, he was probably mistaken."

Meyers estimates that he performs about 15 to 20 college shows a year, including one he did at the University of Kansas around five years ago.

"KU was such a bummer," he said, recalling a low turnout and an uninspired audience. "They were so lame."

Meyers was a film major at

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## Wildcat Gladiators: an afternoon of inflatables, spirit of philanthropy



Jacob Dean Wilson | Collegian

Austin Bosch (right), sophomore in chemical engineering, and Daniel Vogt, freshman in construction science and management, participate in the championship jousting match at the first Wildcat Gladiators, a philanthropy event organized by Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and Theta Xi fraternity that raised money for several non-profit organizations.

## Aggiefest highlights diverse music, art

Jakki Thompson  
staff writer

People crowded into bars and other Aggieville venues this weekend to listen to live music from local areas during Aggiefest, held on Friday, Sept. 28 from 6 p.m. until bar close and Saturday, Sept. 29 from 4 p.m. until bar close.

"Aggiefest was created seven years ago because of the desire the local music scene had to want a music festival," said Evan Tuttle, director of the Aggieville Business Association.

Something that makes Aggiefest unique is that all of the bands play completely for free. Money collected through the sale of wristbands go back into the fund for next year's Aggiefest. There were also three underage venues to attract people who are usually unable to go to Aggieville on weekends.

"For bands, it can sometimes be very difficult to get gigs here in Manhattan," said Jimbo Ivy, owner of The Hype Weekly. "Many of the venues here in Aggieville don't believe in live music. But these bands are good, and they need to be heard. Aggiefest is the perfect place for some of these bands to be heard."

Ivy said that this year's Aggiefest featured some bands who had never played before, such as The Smoking Kills. There were also bands whose members are students at Manhattan High School, such as Fuma and White.

For \$20, attendees could see the 80 bands performing at eight venues, all of which are small businesses, throughout Aggieville over the weekend.

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## THE BLOTTER

### ARREST REPORTS

Thursday, Sept. 27

**Ryan Matthew Savener**, of the 500 block of Osage Street, was booked for burglary of a dwelling and making false writing. Bond was set at \$6,000.

**Limber Montejro Rodriguez**, of the 1700 block of Fair Lane, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Dustin Cody Collins**, of the 700 block of Fourth Street, was booked for aggravated battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Tyler Scott Hatton**, of the 4000 block of Coachmen Road, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

**Chad Anson Cozby**, of the 500 block of Juliette Avenue, was booked for burglary of a dwelling, criminal damage to property and misdemeanor theft. Bond was set at \$3,000.

**Alex Brook Rawdon**, of the 300 block of Juliette Avenue, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Michael Dean Van Vleet**, of the 700 block of White Tail Pass, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set

at \$750.

**Justin Wayne Morris**, of the 2200 block of College Avenue, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

**Logan Tyler Whearty**, of Randolph, Kan., was booked for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

**Andre Jarell McDonald**, of Kansas City, Mo., was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Emmanuel Anthony Sowell**, of the 1100 block of Yuma Street, was booked for possession of stimulants, opiates, opium or narcotic drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$2,000.

**Shawn Tyriq Lomax**, of Haymaker Hall, was booked for criminal trespassing. Bond was set at \$500.

**Chayna Money Sowell**, of the 1100 block of Yuma Street, was booked for possession of stimulants, opiates, opium or narcotic drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Friday, Sept. 28

**Tiffany Elise Goad**, of Wichita, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

**Jon Christopher Hanks**, of Alta Vista, Kan., was booked for unlawful transportation of an open container. Bond was set at \$500.

**Toby Lee Arganbright**, of the 2100 block of Sloan Street, was booked for violation of protection orders. Bond was set at \$500.

**Janna J. Glasgow**, of Wamego, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

**Terraine Jones**, of the 1300 block of Marlatt Avenue, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Cameron Christopher Kidwell**, of Topeka, was booked for driving under the influence and exceeding maximum speed limits. Bond was set at \$500.

**Arrest Reports**  
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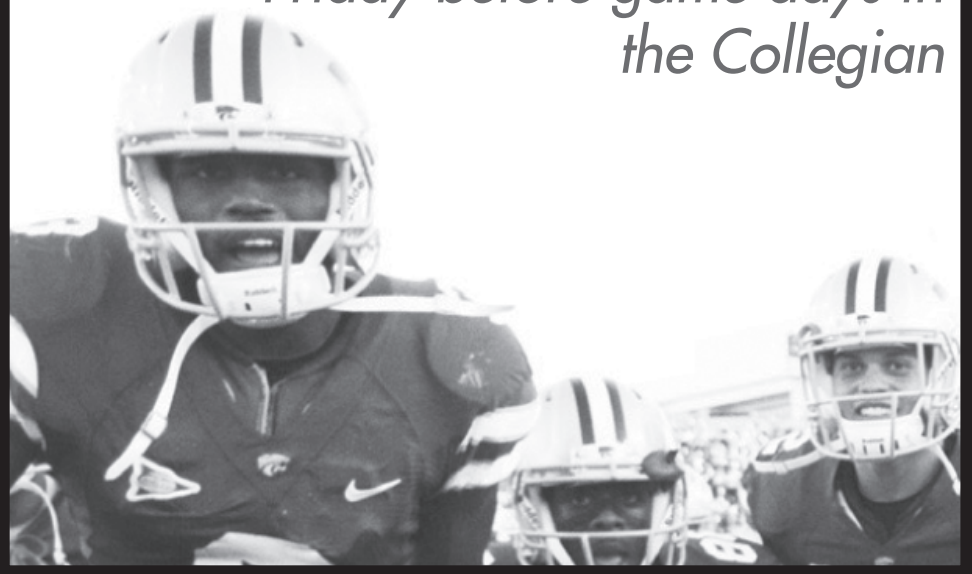
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VOLLEYBALL

## K-State wins in Waco, moves to 15-1 on season



Jacob Dean Wilson | Collegian

Junior defensive specialist **Tristan McCarty** celebrates with other members of the K-State volleyball team after winning a point against West Virginia University on Sept. 27. The Wildcats defeated West Virginia in a three-set sweep at home in Ahearn Field House.

**Mark Kern**  
sports editor

The K-State volleyball team (15-1, 2-1) had not seen a victory in Waco in four years, but this did not phase them on Saturday, as they took out the Baylor University Bears (13-5, 0-3) in four sets at the Ferrell Center. A big key to the Wildcats' victory were the performances of junior middle blocker Kaitlynn Pelger and junior outside hitter Courtney Traxson.

Pelger, an All-American candidate, helped set the tone for the Wildcats after they fell to the Bears in the

first set. Pelger finished the match with a season high 23 kills along with 12 digs to help the Wildcats on both offense and defense.

However, it was the play of Traxson that really ramped up the pace

for the Wildcats.

After sitting out the first set, Traxson came in and finished the match with 10 kills, including eight in the fourth set. K-State associate head coach Jeff Grove discussed Traxson's

performance in his postgame interview.

"She did really well," Grove said. "This is kind of like last year when we she had her breakout match. To get 10 kills in that short amount of time is good. That really helped us get a little bit more diversity in our offense."

As is usually the case for the Wildcats, senior setter Caitlyn Donahue was in complete command of the offense.

Donahue finished with 57 assists, including 19 in the fourth set to help the offense keep their momentum. The 57 assists were her second highest on the season, after her 59 assists

in a five-set victory over Oregon State.

The Bears were led by senior middle hitter Torri Campbell, who had 13 kills with a hitting percentage of .522.

The Wildcats will be home for back-to-back matches in a week that could determine how the team stacks up in the Big 12 Conference. On Wednesday, the Wildcats play host to No. 19 Iowa State and then take on the No. 9 ranked University of Texas Longhorns on Saturday at Ahearn Field House.

First serve on Wednesday will be at 7 p.m.

K-State	18	25	25	25
Baylor	25	22	23	16

## Wildcat sports: weekend recap

**Mark Kern**  
sports editor

Although the football team had a bye week, there were still many teams and athletes representing K-State this weekend, both in Manhattan and around the country.

### Cross Country:

Both the men's and women's cross country teams participated in the Rim Rock Invitational in Lawrence on Sept. 29, finishing ninth and seventh respectively.

#### WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

- 7. Laura Galvan, 20:58.60
- 23. Erika Schiller, 21:40.40
- 33. Mary Frances Donnelly, 22:01.80
- 60. Laura Lee Baird, 22:52.30
- 92. Paige Kochuyt, 23:45.30
- 110. Sonja Schneider, 25:03.30

#### MEN'S INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

- 40. Fernando Roman, 25:01.20
- 56. Ryan Hershner, 25:19
- 68. Kyle Hanson, 25:36.90
- 79. Blake Goodin, 26:03.30
- 87. Logan Smith, 26:16.20
- 99. Lane Porter, 26:31.60

The women were once again led by sophomore Laura Galvan, who finished in seventh place to help pace the Wildcats. As well as she performed, Galvan spoke after the meet about how becoming more experienced will help her throughout the season.

"That experience will teach me a better strategy on how to pace myself through an entire race," Galvan said. "I'm happy with how I did because I pushed myself and was able to achieve my personal best. Overall, I feel like I'm racing well, and I will only continue to improve."

The men were led by sophomore Fernando Roman, who finished in 40th place, with a time of 25:01.20.

The Wildcat cross country teams will be back in action on Oct. 13 as they travel to Louisville, Ky. to participate in the Pre-National Invitational.

### Equestrian:

The No. 7 Wildcats went 1-1 this weekend at Timbercreek Stables, falling to Southern Methodist University in a battle of Hunt Seat squads on Friday, before defeating the University of Tennessee-Martin on Saturday.

Against the Mustangs, the Wildcats were led by junior captain Rachel Webster, who won most outstanding player honors in both Equitation over Fences and Equitation on the Flat.

Joining Webster in picking up individual victories were senior Meredith Finch in Equitation on the Flat, senior Larissa Laffey in Equitation on the Flat and junior Kali Yates in Equitation over Fences.

The Wildcats rebounded on Saturday by defeating UT-Martin 13-7 and taking home three of the



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Junior **Sarah Mershon** competes in Equitation over Fences on Saturday at Timbercreek Stables in Manhattan. The team won 13-7 against the University of Tennessee-Martin.

four MOP awards.

Sophomore Kelly Bovaird (Horsemanship), sophomore Madison Wayda (Equitation over Fences) and junior Sam Etsell (Reining) all took home MOP awards for the Wildcats.

K-State will be back in action Friday, Oct. 5, as they host the No. 6 University of Baylor at Timbercreek Stables.

### Tennis:

The women's tennis team took part in the Adidas Hoosier Classic this weekend in Bloomington, Ind. The Wildcats were led by sophomores Carli Wischhoff and Amina St. Hill, who each gained victories in the consolation semi-finals of their respective brackets.

On Saturday, freshman Ivana Kubickova took third place in her flight to move to 4-2 in her short career at K-State.

## Two-minute drill

**John Zetmeir**  
staff writer

### NCAAF

Records were set Saturday when the No. 9 University of West Virginia beat the No. 25 Baylor University 70-63. This was West Virginia's first game as a member of the Big 12 Conference, and it also turned out to be the highest scoring Big 12 game of all time.

West Virginia's senior quarterback Geno Smith had a monstrous game (statistically his best game ever), completing 45 of 51 passing attempts for 656 yards and throwing eight touchdown passes. The two teams combined for 1,507

yards of total offense.

### NCAAB

On Friday, the University of Kansas signed head coach Bill Self to an extension through the 2021-22 season. Self will make an average of just under \$4 million a year. Last season, the Jayhawks made it all the way to the national championship game, but came up short in a 59-67 loss against the University of Kentucky.

### MLS

On Friday, Sporting Kansas City defeated the Chicago Fire 2-0 to score a playoff spot. SKC is currently in first place in the Eastern Conference. With three games left of their regu-

lar season, SKC's next goal is to clinch home field advantage for the playoffs.

### NBA

Last year's league MVP LeBron James addressed the media on Friday for Miami Heat media day. James said that he believes the Heat can be much better in the upcoming season than they were last season. Last season, the Heat won an NBA championship, the first of James' career. With the additions of Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis, the Heat were able to add to their depth going into the 2012-13 season.

"We have the potential to be a lot better. And that's scary," James said.

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#### Remember last year's?





# Politics more pressing issue than replacement refs



David Embers

On Sept. 24, the Seattle Seahawks hosted the Green Bay Packers during ESPN's Monday Night Football. The game was close throughout, and eventually came down to the final play. Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson lofted a Hail Mary pass toward the end zone in desperation.

To break down the play: Wilson scrambled around, buying time for his receivers to get to the end zone. Seahawks receiver Golden Tate pushed defender Sam Shields to the ground as the ball was released, and subsequently jumped up for the pass. Another Green Bay defender, M.D. Jennings, initially intercepted the pass. Then, after he reached the ground, he shared possession with Tate. Both players then fought for possession of the ball. One ref signaled the play dead, meaning he determined it an interception and a touchback. A different ref raised his hands, signaling a touchdown. Mass confusion followed.

The referees decided to use instant replay to review the call. Multiple camera angles clearly showed possession by the Packers' Jennings, not Tate. ESPN's announcers, fans at home, and everyone not wearing Seahawk colors were sure the call would be interception and the Packers would escape Seattle with a win. As you've probably heard by now, the call came in as touchdown, Seattle won and

all hell broke loose. I concede that Green Bay was robbed. The refs missed the call, watched the call that they missed on replay, then reported back saying, basically, that the instant replay was wrong. It was embarrassing. NFL football needed its real refs back.

According to *ESPN.com*, the NFL and the NFL Referees Association reached an agreement on Thursday. We can all exhale now.

With all that being said, there is a much bigger

issue. The problem Americans should be most concerned with is the massive amount of people watching all this go down. That final play, lasting a mere 12 seconds, generated about equal buzz and attention as both the Republican National Convention and Democratic National Convention.

According to a Sept. 26 Baltimore Sun article by David Zurawik,

more than 21 million people watched the three-hour Seahawks-Packers game. This should alarm you, considering CBS reported two weeks ago that only 22 million people tuned in to watch the RNC, and 26 million for the DNC.

Twitter also released statistics on their website saying that over 1 million tweets were registered in response to the game's final play. In contrast, the four-day RNC generated a total of 4 million tweets. That divides out to one million tweets per day. In addition, Monday Night Football is broadcast only on ESPN, a cable channel. NBC, ABC,

CBS, MSNBC, FOX News and CNN all broadcast the RNC, and it was aired live during primetime (8-10 p.m.). The statistics are about the same for the DNC, though Twitter numbers were a little higher than those of the RNC.

How can a refereeing blunder in a regular season football game spark more debate and interest among young voters than a major political party's national convention?

The problem is not that so many people are consumed with football, or entertainment in general. The problem lies with lack of interest in the govern-

ment, legislation and politics —things that influence our lives every day.

These figures should alarm you, and make you question America's fundamental interests at the moment, and, more importantly, the interests of young people. The RNC and DNC are billed as huge platforms for candidates and their supporters. With the presidential election a little over a month away, attention should be rising significantly as we decide who will lead us for the next four years.

Whether you support Obama, Romney, or someone else, being educated about your choices will definitely behoove you. America needs informed voters, and today's young people are losing interest fast. Our generation is the group that will be saddled with the current problems facing the United States. We will be the ones that must fix them or crumble.

If a football game ending in a bad call sends America into widespread pandemonium, and a presidential candidate's speech draws ho-hum interest, we might be tiptoeing a slippery slope. As Americans, we have more freedoms and opportunities than most other countries. This explosion of technology and entertainment is hypnotizing our young people and distracting us from the processes that enabled it all to happen.

America succeeds because its citizens are so involved in the governing process. We do this through the power of informed voting. You can focus your attention on football, but always be aware that it is simply entertainment. Give even more attention to national policies and major elections because they shape your everyday life and influence a majority of the decisions you make.

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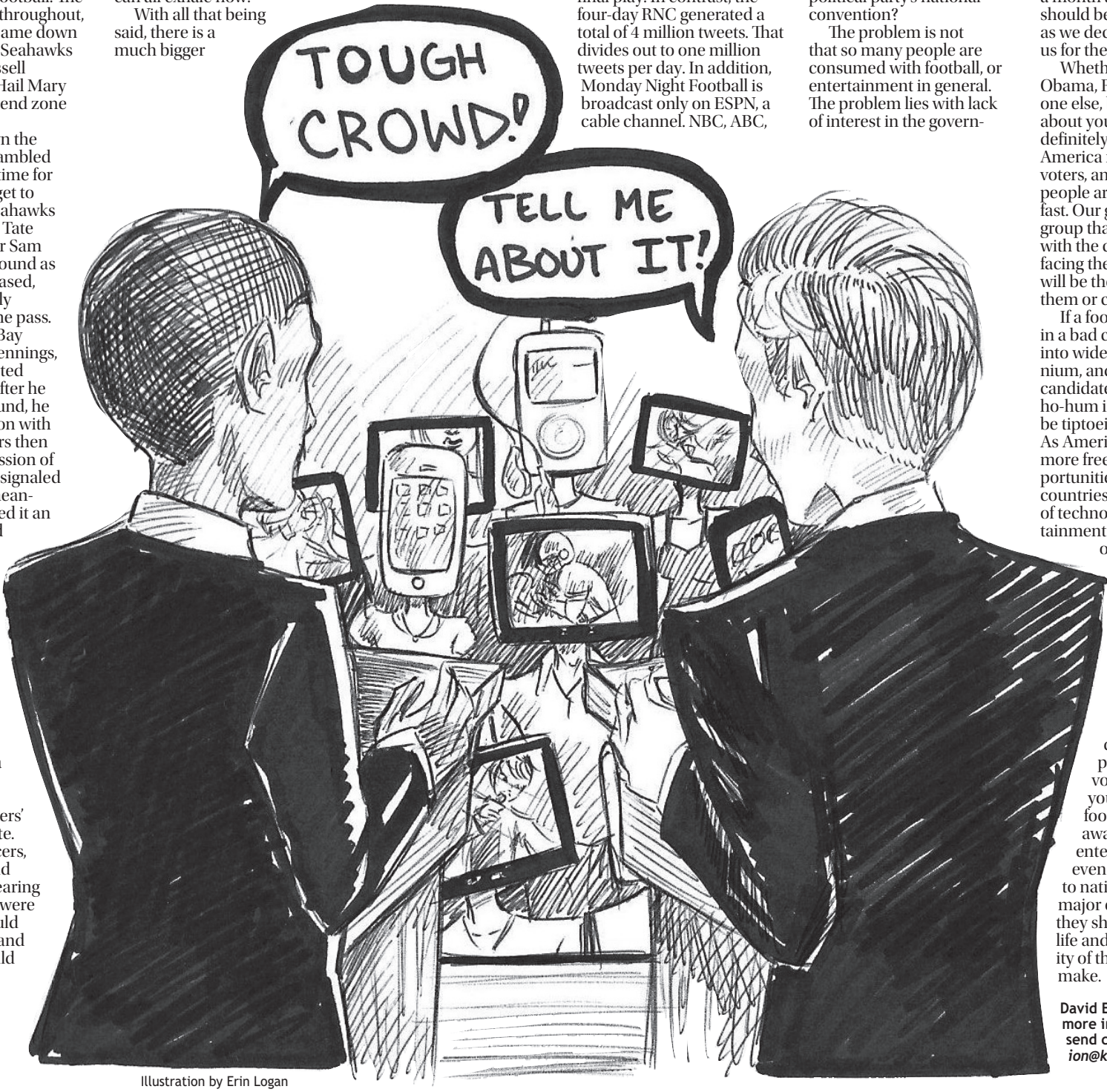


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# Bullying affects people all over country, taking a stand is only option

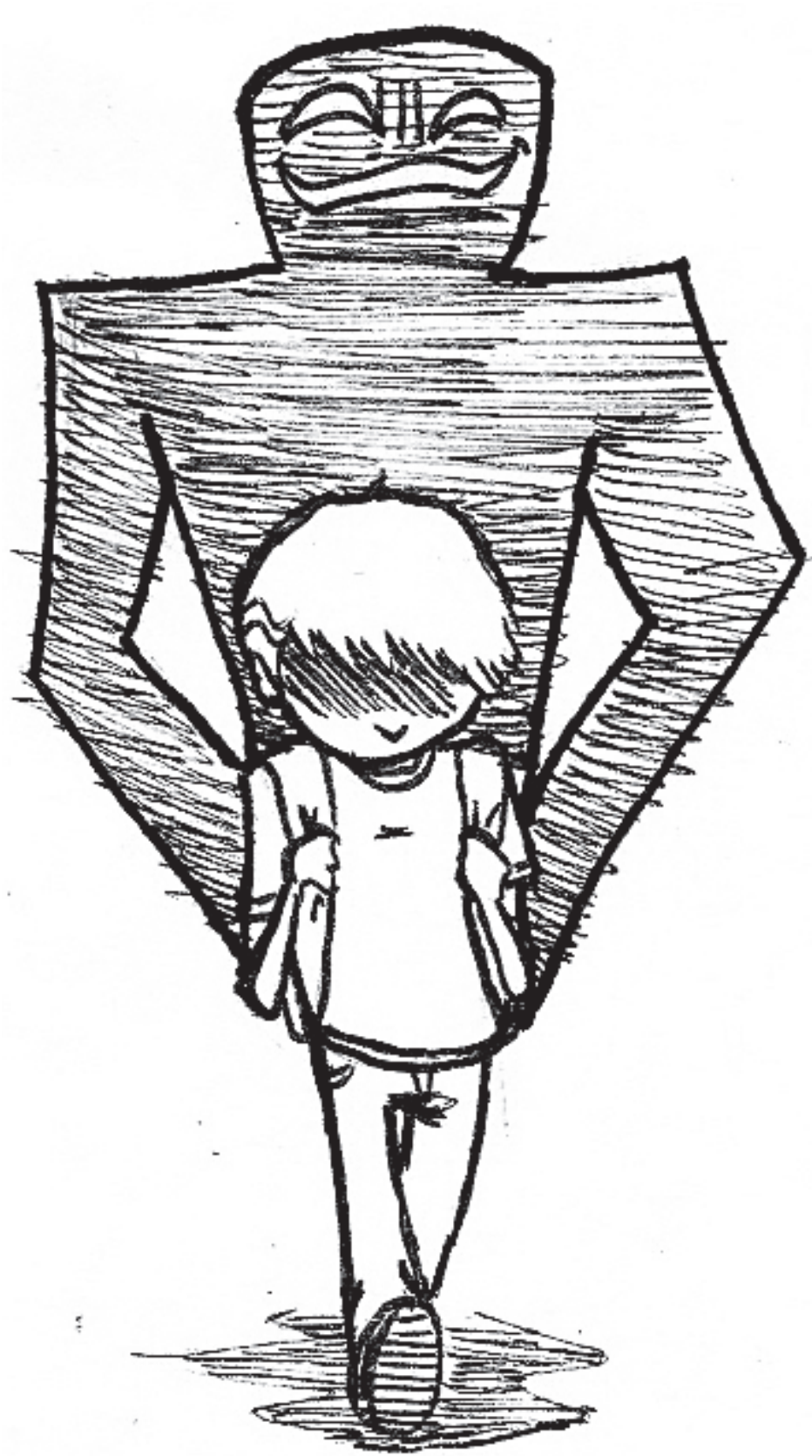


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Sid Arguello

Chances are high that by this time in our lives, we have either been bullies, victims of bullying, or bystanders to bullying. How widespread is this issue? Are we, as a society, unconsciously perpetuating bullying? Bullying is not simply a sporadic issue that pops up in isolated schools; it is a huge problem that seems to be on the rise with little work toward prevention.

On May 13, 2010, the lives of the Smalley family of Perkins, Okla. were changed forever as a result of bullying. Ty Field-Smalley, an 11-year-old boy, was a victim of bullying that drove him to suicide. On the last day of Ty's short life, he was suspended from school after retaliating against the bully that had been picking on him all year.

His mother, who worked for the school district, took Ty home and told him to finish his homework and chores and to wait at home until she came back from work. Ty did neither; he went straight to his parent's bedroom, pulled a .22 caliber pistol from the closet, pointed the gun to his head and pulled the trigger.

Before I heard about Ty's story, I wasn't aware how severe the problem of bullying had grown. Ty's was the first story I had come across of a bullied child driven to suicide. However, after looking deeper into this matter, I've realized that Ty has not been the first and surely won't be the last.

Many youth suicides have been linked to bullying. In today's world, anyone can be a victim, and bullying can affect people from childhood into adulthood. It comes in many shapes and forms and affects everyone differently. The definition itself differs from person to person. What some might call bullying, others could see as child's play.

Ty's family reported that he had been bullied for the past two years. However, the school

district claimed otherwise in a June 20, 2010, NewsOK article by Michael Baker.

"There is no indication that he was bullied at school," said James Ramsey, superintendent of Perkin-Tryon Public Schools. "Documentation doesn't imply that that was a factor."

This is despite the fact that the article cited an incident in the fifth grade in which another child had "poured chocolate milk over Ty's head and an incident when a child said he was going to rape Ty," according to Kirk Smalley, Ty's father.

I believe that bullying is still a big problem youth today have to deal with. In one way or another, everyone alive has dealt with some level of bullying. I can recall instances of bullying in my own life from grade school to high school.

Even being a bystander has had lasting effects. I've felt moments of guilt throughout my life when recalling times I witnessed bullying. I'm haunted by the fact that I knew there was something I could've done, but instead I did nothing. These moments of weakness and fear have shaped me into the person I am today: no longer a bystander.

Schools across the nation have begun district-wide bully prevention programs in order to educate children, teachers and parents. Kirk Smalley has become a speaker and public figure of anti-bullying. Leader of the non-profit organization Stand for the Silent, Smalley has spoken in front of audiences around the world.

Bullying is a severe and widespread problem, but what are its origins? K-State's own Mark Barnett, professor of psychology, believes that bullies learn this behavior first and foremost from home.

"They either experience or observe bullying sort of behavior at home; it is not a coincidence where many kids that are bullies have parents who interact with them in a very powerful sort of way," Barnett said. "They do not discuss things with them, they just control them — or a parent who hits his or her child and uses their position of power to dominate. That teaches a mental model; that's how you [the child] interact with other people."

Barnett has done research on teasing in children and

their understanding of the distinction between antisocial teases, often associated with bullying, and prosocial teases. In Barnett's research, children were presented with two types of scenarios that contained antisocial (Type 1) teases and prosocial (Type 2) teases.

"The children were able to discriminate between Type 1 and Type 2 teasers and teases in their sociometric ratings and in their responses to hypothetical teasing scenarios," Barnett said.

Fortunately, Barnett also found that these children reported having more experiences with prosocial than antisocial teases in their own lives.

In an email interview with Kirk Smalley, I asked if he had any words to say to K-State students.

"I'd like for all college students to know that they are the ones that have the greatest chance to change our world for its kids. The younger kids in your communities look up to you — you are their heroes, they want to emulate you," Smalley said. "If you will lead by example, treat others with respect, allow everyone to just be who they are... The younger generations in your communities will see that behavior and follow your lead... And by doing this, that is how we will change our world for the better for kids everywhere."

According to a July 5 Daily Herald article by Melissa Silverberg, Smalley has spoken to almost 500 schools and more than 600,000 people around the globe. Thousands more students experienced Ty's story in the 2011 documentary "Bully," in which his story is featured along with the real stories of five other teens. Seeing this moving film is what drove me to write this story.

My fellow K-Staters, I urge you to help prevent this problem. It only takes one person to stop a bully. It can make a profound difference to that person and can have a ripple effect if that person chooses to pay it forward. Please visit [standforthesilent.org](http://standforthesilent.org) and get informed, and most of all, stand for the silent.

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STATE | University president says expansion ‘certainly a part of our mission’

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said. “This event provides students, faculty and administration with information.” Bloodgood also said that K-State-Olathe, a graduate level school specializing in biosciences, is growing. “I’m not sure what it will look like in the future,” Bloodgood said. “It is definitely evolving.” Schulz’s State of the University address also touched on campus infrastructure, both completed and in progress. Schulz presented renderings of designs for a new Purple Masque Theatre and a new Grain Science Building. “Expansion is certainly a part of our mission,” Schulz said. “Over the next year or two, we’re going to be gaining momentum as far as adding high-quality research and teaching space for our core academic programs.” Schulz gave spotlights to outstanding faculty, staff and students. “Our faculty has had a tremendous year once again with so many achievements,” Schulz said.

These achievements included national awards for research and teaching, obtaining patents for new designs and success in international studies. “We want to make sure that our students and faculty are going out to compete and be successful,” Schulz said, “to bring those international experiences back to K-State.” Schulz presented K-State’s rankings in several college rating systems, including the U.S. News Report, Forbes’ Review and the Princeton Review. Schulz said that it wasn’t necessarily a goal of the university’s to move up in these rankings, but he did appreciate that the work of the university was nationally noticed. “We’re very proud of the recognition we have,” Schulz said. “We are second in the nation in student life and student happiness.” Another main aspect of the address was campus budget.

Schulz revealed data that showed that, for the second year in a row, the amount of money coming into the university through tuition was greater than the amount coming in by state funding. Schulz said that because of the small difference between the two amounts, this happens frequently to many schools. “This is probably the most telling part of our new economy and the way that a lot of public universities are supported across the country,” Schulz said. “I think this is the environment we live in and it’s up to us to find creative ways to keep tuition and fees affordable.” Despite this challenge, K-State has received \$27.8 million in new state funding, in part due to engineering initiatives and animal health research. After the main presentation, Schulz opened the floor for questions from the audience. He received questions from faculty regarding the budget and its allocation to different departments,

specifically why more research money is allocated to engineering and other already highly-funded programs. “My suggestion is to continue to submit these comments to us,” Schulz said. “We want to take those and use them to modify what we’ve done, and put out some sort of revision in the future. This is a draft. We will come back out with revisions.” Schulz also addressed Zimbra mail during the questioning period, stating that the university will soon be changing mail systems and is currently going through submissions to find which company to switch to. Schulz’s address was meant to inform both students and faculty, for the purpose of student betterment. “What we want to do is enhance the student experience,” Schulz said in an interview. “What that means is creating and maintaining outstanding facilities, outstanding faculty and staff and funding.”

According to Schulz, students’ role in this plan is to stay informed. “Students need to be involved,” Schulz said. “Every student has the opportunity to have their voices heard.” Students can do this by joining student organizations and opening communication to both the university faculty and the state Senate. Spriggs agreed with Schulz on the importance of student involvement. “Something unique to K-State is our student government and student organizations, and how they stay involved,” Spriggs said. “Whether they support something or not, students and faculty are always communicating. Just today we saw faculty and students stand to give critiques and support.” That kind of engagement is what Schulz says is necessary to keep state funding up. “We need to make sure that the state continues to invest in higher education, to keep us as affordable as possible,” Schulz

said. “That’s our biggest challenge, and it’s critical to our success.” Spriggs said that our current Student Governing Association is involved with the K-State 2025 plan, meeting with Schulz often to discuss improvements and form committees to further enhance educational opportunities and gain more funding. Spriggs described the SGA as an all-around partnership with the faculty senate and administration. “I’m excited with this State of the University,” Spriggs said. “I’m more excited to see the growth in all these different aspects. I look forward to the year ahead.” Schulz ended the address by stating how proud and honored he was to be doing what he was doing for the university, and how he appreciated the work of faculty, staff and students. “This is the fourth address I’ve ever done,” Schulz said. “It’s an honor to serve as your president. I appreciate what you do, what all of you do. Let’s all go out and have a great year.”

FEST | ‘Music is universal,’ says attendee

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acoustic to progressive metal to rock, there was something for fans of every type at Aggiefest this year. “I am excited to be here,” said Inferno Gatita, Junction City resident. “I have never been to something like this before and I was excited about it. I moved here from North Carolina not too long ago, so there are a lot of new experiences in store for me here.” Danyelle Ratcliff, Junction City resident, said there were a couple of genres she didn’t even know about before the festival, and she was excited to hear those bands and figure out what some of those genres were. “No experience with these types of music, I think, is a good thing,” Gatita said. “Music is universal.” Music wasn’t the only thing Ag-

giefest had to offer. For the second year, Aggiefest showed artwork from local and regional artists. Community members were able to meet with the artists and could purchase their work. “Art was set up in the top floor of Auntie Mae’s, in Big Poppi, in Varsity Donuts and in Varney’s,” Ivy said. “It is an art crawl of sorts. It is the second year of having the visual arts side of this and the first year the Beach Museum of Art has teamed up with us.” The museum approached the Aggieville Business Association and the Manhattan Music Coalition about working with them to be a part of Aggiefest. Tuttle said music and art just kind of make sense together. Bands came from Manhattan, Lawrence, Wichita and Kansas City to perform at the festival, as well as artists

from Manhattan and surrounding areas. From music to art, Aggiefest offered attendees the unique opportunity to experience new forms and appreciate local talent. “I really enjoy seeing old friends,” Tuttle said. “It’s like a reunion of people who have been in the music scene for decades, as well as seeing all of the new talent this area has to offer.”

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Northwestern University, where he got involved with an improvisational comedy troupe. “I really, really loved it, and I decided to keep going with it until someone told me I had to stop,” he said. Meyers became an SNL cast member in 2001, and was promoted to co-head writer in early 2006, sharing the role with Tina Fey until she left the show after the season. “Being passionate and competitive drives me,” Meyers said of his role with SNL. “It should be fun to write. We have a good time with it.” According to Meyers, a show at a college is “very different” than SNL, with the atmosphere “a little more relaxed” than on live TV. “I always get a little bit of butter-

flies before I go on,” said the six-time Emmy nominee, who won the award for Outstanding Original Music and Lyrics in 2011 for a song performed by Justin Timberlake on an SNL episode. “It’s key to a good performance. We’re always concerned when a guest comes on SNL and says they’re not nervous.” After Meyers’ stand-up routine, he stayed onstage for a question-and-answer session, fielding audience questions for about 20 minutes. “It was really cool that he stayed after and did the Q and A,” said Rachel Gastmann, freshman in open option, who said she has been a fan of Meyers since she started watching SNL when she was about 13. “I thought there would be a bigger crowd with such a big-name person, but it was really fun. I had a great time.”

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# Open mic night allows space for self-expression, student performances

Jakki Thompson  
staff writer

K-State students and Manhattan community members crowded around the main stage in Salsarita's in the K-State Student Union Friday night to see the Blue Spotlight Open Mic Night. The event started at 5 p.m., and featured more than a dozen different performances.

The open mic night was sponsored by the Delta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and the Epsilon Mu chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority. It was the opening event for their Blue and White Weekend, which was created by these two constitutionally-bound chapters with the goal of coming together to help the community.

"I wanted to participate in this because this is something that I did back home," said Casha Mills, freshman in English who performed two different poems as spoken word pieces. "It was an incredibly fun and enjoyable experience for me."

The hostess for the evening was Ashley Wooten, vice president of the Zetas and senior in political science. She said the Zetas and the Sigmas came up with the idea for an open mic night as an activity where students could be actively involved and have the opportunity to showcase their talents.

"I was excited to see all of the new students come out and perform," Wooten said. "This was also a space for people who have previously performed in the past to showcase how much they have improved."

Chris Cunningham, president of the Sigmas and junior in business entrepreneurship, said the open mic night was created to allow students to come out and express themselves. He said it is important for people to be able to have a place to showcase their own styles of self-expression.

"It's always really exciting to see the talent students have and what they have to offer," Cunningham said. "There are people who you never knew

could sing, for instance, but there are all sorts of hidden talents within the student body of K-State."

The night featured a wide variety of performances, including poetry, singing, rapping and spoken word. Bryanna Spencer, freshman in hotel and restaurant management, said she really enjoyed the event and was happy she attended and performed.

"Even though I was a little nervous, I still think I did really well," Spencer said. "Even though I kept going over my poem in my head, I knew that I wasn't necessarily the best one who had performed. Thankful-

**Chris Cunningham**  
president of Phi Beta Sigma and junior in business entrepreneurship

ly, by seeing people who were better than me, it showed me something to strive for."

Alexia Sampson, president of the Zetas and senior in animal science and industry, said this event and the weekend as a whole would allow people to interact with each other. She said she really hoped people would be able to connect with each other and make new friends, especially those new to campus, such as freshmen and transfer students.

On Saturday, the groups hosted the Blue Masquerade: A Night of Elegance.

"The masquerade event was something different from the typical parties hosted at the Blue Hills Room," Sampson said. "It was an opportunity for people to get dressed up, I mean nothing too fancy for some people, but others I knew were going to go all out on what they wore."

The weekend concluded with The Blue Blessing, an evening meal for K-State students. With an entrance fee of three

canned goods, students were able to get Sunday night dinner for free, and all of the canned goods were donated to the Flint Hills Breadbasket.

"We just want to help out the community in any way we know how," Cunningham said. "For me, personally, I get a strong sense of joy when we are able to help students we know, even personally, as well as the broader community as a whole."



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Kiana Hamilton, sophomore in open option, performs an original poem at the Blue Spotlight Open Mic Night on Friday, sponsored by the Epsilon Mu chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority and the Delta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. The open mic event was held in Salsarita's in the K-State Student Union.

# City Park Flag Plaza ceremony, festival celebrates partnership, Czech culture

Victor Roy  
staff writer

The Manhattan Partner City Committee celebrated the first anniversary of the

dedication of the Partner City Flag Plaza in City Park on Sunday with a recognition ceremony and kolache Czech festival.

The event celebrated Man-



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Christy Dowling, senior in biology, and Anna Hand listen to Sharon Valasek, an honorary Consul of the Czech Republic, speak at the Czech festival in City Park on Sunday. Dowling was the 2010 Kansas Czech-Slovak Queen and 2011 Miss Czech Slovak United States, and Hand is the 2012 Kansas Czech Slovak Queen.

hattan's partnership with Dobrichovice, a city in the Czech Republic, established in 2006. Since the beginning of the partnership, a number of groups and individuals from both communities have collaborated with each other, creating educational, cultural and civic bonds. This relationship is now being celebrated with the construction of the Partner City Flag Plaza.

The plaza is designed by Bowman Bowman Novick, Inc. and is located in the southwest corner of City Park. While the plaza is mostly finished, benches, flagpoles and dedication bricks are still being added. Funding for the plaza comes from community donations.

The festival attracted many people with Czech backgrounds, such as former Manhattan mayors and city commissioners Dave Fisher and Ed Klimek, who are both of Czech descent. 2011 Miss Czech Slovak United States and 2010 Kansas Czech-Slovak Queen Christy Dowling,

senior in biology, also spoke at the gathering.

"I like it because there was a lot of people, traditional artifacts and collages of traditional food, and the people that have Czech ancestors," said Vitek Haca, exchange student and senior in business.

Haca enjoyed the congregation of people that came out to demonstrate their interest in Czech culture.

After listening to speakers at the Flag Plaza recognition, the audience was directed to the Jon & Ruth Ann Wefald pavilion for the potluck which featured food, games, music and introductions of Czech students attending K-State.

Anna Hand, freshman in political science and international relations at Fort Hays State University, attended and helped raise donations during the potluck. She is the 2012 Kansas Czech-Slovak Queen, and volunteered to attend the event.

"I love this event because most of the event is in central Kansas, which is where I am

from," Hand said. "So when I get to come out to Manhattan, it shows that the Czech Republic is branching out to more places than it's normally concentrated."

Hand said that Dowling told her about the event and encouraged her to connect to her Czech roots; Hand's grandparents were prominent citizens of the Czech Republic.

When she learned that the flag project was coming to the Manhattan area, Hand said she was excited to attend the event to try and further her knowledge about her family background.

"I know that I drive my friends crazy about my Czech heritage because, basically, trying to become Miss Czech requires 95 percent of my thought process ... They ask a lot about the costume I wear, and one of the Czech exchange students said that they had never seen the traditional Czech clothing that I wear for the pageant," Hand said.

The flag plaza recognition attracted many citizens and students who are interested in the culture or have connections to people of the Czech Republic.

Trevor Nekuda, Manhattan resident, said that his uncle, who originally came from Cuba, has been a resident of the Czech Republic for a number of years.

"I thought the event went pretty well," Nekuda said. "The fact that the mayors of Manhattan are of Czech descent is just surprising, and I like the dedication for the paving stones in front of the flags."

Event attendees also had the opportunity to make donations, which buys them inscriptions on the bricks that were paved in the walkway in front of the flags. In addition, each bench and flagpole could be sponsored for \$1,000 apiece, as tax deductible donations.

For more information about the Flag Plaza, see the City of Manhattan website at [ci.manhattan.ks.us](http://ci.manhattan.ks.us).

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